

Year 6 - How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Key vocabulary		
Advent	Advent means 'coming' in Latin and is the period of 4 Sundays and weeks before Christmas Day	
Prophet	A person thought of as an inspired teacher or someone sharing a message from God	
Prophesy	A prediction of something that will happen in the future, a message given by God	
John the Baptist	John was a preacher who baptised people in the River Jordan and became a disciple of Jesus	
Messiah	A leader regarded as a saviour, the promised one	
Annunciation	Announcing something e.g. the announcement made by Angel Gabriel to Mary	
Mary	Was the wife of Joseph and the mother of Jesus.	
Incarnation	A person e.g. Jesus, who is God in the flesh	

The Prophets - Messengers				
Isaiah	Micah	Elijah	Jeremiah	
Predicted the birth and death of Jesus	Predicted God would walk with them as the Messiah	Warned people of Israel to change their ways	Predicted all would know of God one day and seek forgiveness	

John the Baptist

John's parents were visited by Angel Gabriel to tell them would have a son like Mary and Joseph.

John was a humble man, he lived in the desert and wore simple clothes.

John is seen as a prophet in Islam and Christianity.



Angel Gabriel told his parents to call him John.
John was born 6 months before Jesus and is believed to be his cousin.

He lived his life committed to God and focussed on his ministry work

John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan which started the beginning of Jesus ministry.

Different views on what the Messiah would be...

Christians

Saw the Messiah as someone who teach people about how to live their lives and teach them about loving God and each other. Believe Jesus is the Messiah.



Jews

Saw the Messiah as a warrior king who would come and free them from the Romans. They are still waiting for their Messiah and do not believe Jesus is the Messiah.

